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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action herein mailed July 15, 2003, for which the time for response along with a one-month extension was set to expire September 15, 2003.

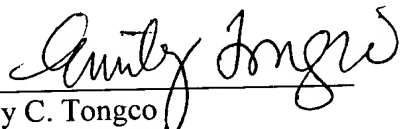
Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of Group I (claims 1-8, 15-16, 19-20, 36-37 and 52-63). The response to the restriction requirement is made with traverse. Nonelected claims will be canceled when appropriate. Applicants expressly reserve their right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file a divisional application directed to the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming priority from this application.

Applicants request examination of the elected subject matter on the merits.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 246152012710. However, the Assistant Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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